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Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are now in the application. Claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claims 9-14 have been added.

It is appreciatively noted from item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, that claims 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In item 4 on page 3 of the Office action, claims 1-3 have been rejected as being obvious over Zhou (EP 0 974 856 A2) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to include the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 2, 3, and 5-8 are allowable as well.

New claim 9 is original claim 1 amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 7. Therefore, claim 9 is allowable. Since claim 9 is allowable dependent claims 10 and 11 are allowable as well.

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New claim 12 is original claim 1 amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 8. Therefore, claim 12 is allowable. Since claim 9 is allowable dependent claims 13 and 14 are allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-14 are solicited.

Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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